

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration of this application is requested. Claims 59, 60 and 64-66 are in the case.

I. THE ANTICIPATION REJECTIONS

Claim 14 is rejected on alleged anticipation grounds for the reasons stated on pages 3 and 4 of the Action. In response, and without conceding to the rejections, claim 14 has been canceled without prejudice. Withdrawal of the anticipation rejections is respectfully requested.

II. THE OBVIOUSNESS REJECTIONS

Claims 14, 58 and 61-63 are rejected on alleged obviousness grounds for the reasons stated on pages 4-7 of the Action. In response, and without conceding to the rejections, claims 14, 58 and 61-63 have been canceled without prejudice. Withdrawal of the obviousness rejections is respectfully requested.

III. THE FORMAL REJECTIONS

Claim 66 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, as allegedly failing to comply with the written description requirement in view of the recitation of "at least about". In response, that language has been removed from claim 66.

Claim 65 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as allegedly indefinite in light of the expression "= less than". In response, the language "is less

than" as suggested in the Action has been adopted. Withdrawal of the formal rejections is respectfully requested.

IV. CLAIM OBJECTIONS

Claim 59 is objected to because of a typographical error. This has been corrected in the present response. Withdrawal of the claim objections is respectfully requested.

Favorable action is awaited.

Respectfully submitted,

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